

Santa Barbara County Family to Family March 2004

Team Decision Meeting	Recruitment(R), Training(T), & Support(S)	Community Partnerships	Self-Evaluation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Santa Barbara fully implemented all phases as of 09/03. ➤ Lompoc fully implemented all phases as of 09/03. ➤ Santa Maria fully implemented all phases as of 11/03. ➤ Results are positive in terms of community, workers, & families. ➤ Increased enthusiasm among social workers in all regions. ➤ Maintained children with parents. ➤ Opened several voluntary maintenance cases; Santa Barbara expedited reunification when placing children & stabilized some placements. ➤ Created the TDM brochure in English to give to birth parents after a child is detained. ➤ Translated the TDM brochure into Spanish. ➤ All regions identified additional sites in the community to hold TDMs, i.e., schools, community-based organizations, & Family Resource Center. ➤ Additional information attached. 	<p><u>Recruitment</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Held 4 “fosterware” parties in Santa Barbara since 09/03. ➤ Have begun a recruiting project in partnership with Channel Islands YMCA to have a Foster parent link on their website. ➤ SB developed a partnership with Borders Bookstore in Goleta; they donated 50+ books to foster children from our county for Christmas. ➤ Increased publications in the local newspapers. ➤ Actively pursuing a project “One church, one foster resource family” in partnership with Channel Islands YMCA in an effort to recruit new Foster parents & to support our Foster parents better. ➤ Licensed 16 homes in Santa Barbara County. ➤ 32 relative homes approved since 7/03; 8 in Santa Barbara, 9 in Lompoc, 13 in Santa Maria, & 2 out of county. <p><u>Training</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Initiated PRIDE training for Foster parents which incorporates Family to Family goals. <p><u>Support</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Distributed Social Worker Code of Conduct to Foster parents/caregivers. ➤ Created the Foster parent survey for feedback. ➤ Began sending Foster parent appreciation/holiday cards on an ongoing basis in Santa Barbara. ➤ Held many events including the Foster parent feedback luncheon, Foster parent appreciation BBQ in Solvang, holiday party for Foster children & families at the zoo, several “fosterware parties”. ➤ Formed the Foster parent fundraiser subcommittee to work on fundraising ideas. ➤ Created the Foster parent fund in all regions. ➤ SB raffled off 2 holiday baskets in support of the fund, earning a total of \$ 288.00. ➤ Solidified relationship with SB Regional Manager of Home Depot. \$1,300 piece of playground equipment donated to a Goleta foster home, plus 60 volunteers to assist with construction & cleanup projects of SB county foster homes in the future. ➤ Developed a Foster parent support group. ➤ SB developed a partnership with Borders Bookstore in Goleta; they donated 50+ books to Foster children from our county for Christmas. ➤ Developed a Circumstance/Crisis information packet about foster children for Foster parents. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Completed a total of 65 presentations/in-services in all regions of Santa Barbara County. ➤ Developed & strengthened our relationships with our system of care partners (Alcohol, Drug, Mental Health Services, Public Health, Probation Dept., Public Defender, County Office of Education, Family Service Agency, C.A.L.M., Community Action Commission, & Noah’s Anchorage). ➤ Created a 10-minute PowerPoint presentation format on Family to Family for community based organizations/ agencies. ➤ We have an educational liaison on board. ➤ Five new community partners joined Santa Barbara Implementation Team (Isla Vista Youth Projects, CASA, First Five Commission of Santa Barbara County, Community Action Commission, & a Foster parent representative). ➤ Several new CBOs joined Lompoc Implementation Team (Zona Seca, VAFB, Family Resource Center). ➤ Several CBOs joined Santa Maria Implementation Team (United Way, FFAs, and Domestic Violence Council). ➤ Developed partnership with countywide law enforcement. ➤ Implemented a project “Community Conversations” to reach out to the community; held 6 meetings, 3 in English, 3 in Spanish. ➤ We have a liaison with Suspected Child Abuse & Neglect Multi-Disciplinary Team. ➤ Developed a partnership with CalWORKs for the Linkages program. ➤ Begun collaboration with county schools Foster Youth Services (AB 490). ➤ Developed a partnership with KIDS Network of Santa Barbara County. ➤ Developed a partnership with Royal Kids Camp, a program through Trinity Baptist Church. ➤ Actively pursuing a project “One church, one resource family” in partnership with Channel Islands YMCA in an effort to recruit new Foster parents & to support our Foster parents better. ➤ Translated the CWS/Family to Family brochure into Spanish. ➤ Lompoc partnered with the community in Fall 2003 at the Lompoc Community Faire. ➤ Santa Maria has implemented Front Porch initiative in partnership with Community Action Commission. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ TDM database has been created and is up and running. ➤ Trained a staff member on the TDM database. ➤ One of three pushpin maps (to visually indicate where the referrals are coming from, where the children are being placed, and those in relation to community based organizations in various neighborhoods) has been displayed in the ongoing unit in Santa Barbara. ➤ In Santa Maria, pushpin maps have been developed and posted in CWS offices. ➤ Pushpin maps have been shared with community partners. ➤ Beginning to utilize CAD reports to collect data and analyze information. ➤ Additional information attached.